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Subject: DFG Finding for Longfin Smelt and USFWS Finding for Delta Smelt - Feb. 10 WOMT

Meeting

Listed below is the finding for longfin smelt that DFG announced at today's WOMT meeting.

After considering the information from the Smelt Working Group, and based on the (1) current longfin smelt abundance and distribution, (2) the longfin smelt risk assessment matrix, and (3) projected water project operations, no special action is necessary for the protection of longfin smelt at this time. If the conditions change, WOMT will reconvene to discuss the situation.

Also, here is an e-mail from Cay Goude of USFWS regarding Delta smelt that was also discussed at today's WOMT.

----Original Message----

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Subject: Service Determination

We now have larval delta smelt which have been detected in DFG sampling and this triggers Action 3 of the RPA. However, based on the distribution of the larval smelt and the current very low OMR flows the Service has determined that there be no changes to the operation of the Projects. We will continue to work through our adaptive process as outlined in the biological opinion on Page 280 on at least a weekly basis.

Thank you Cay C. Goude